

NSC BRIEFING

5 January 1955

FRENCH COUNCIL OF THE REPUBLIC

A. Members:

1. Limited by constitution to 320 senators.
2. Elected $\frac{1}{2}$ at a time for six years.
3. Elected indirectly through local government units.
4. Minimum age 35.
5. Have same immunity and salary as deputies.
6. May not belong to any other assembly.

B. Powers strictly limited:

1. ☐ Advisory capacity only
 - a. Can delay legislation, but Assembly has final say.
 - b. If fails to act within 48 hrs it can be dissolved.

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2. Joins with Assembly to elect
president of Republic.

C. Dominated by professional classes:

1. Lawyers almost equal to combined
total of agricultural, industrial,
and commercial interests.

BACKGROUND - "5 PRINCIPLES"

I. AGREED UPON LAST SUMMER BY NEHRU
AND CHOU AS BASIS OF SINO-INDIAN
RELATIONS, SUBSEQUENTLY ACCEPTED
BY NU AS BASIS FOR SINO-BURMESE
RELATIONS:

A. MUTUAL RESPECT FOR EACH

OTHERS TERRITORIAL INTEGRITY
AND SOVEREIGNTY

B. NONAGGRESSION

C. NON-INTERFERENCE IN EACH OTHERS
INTERNAL AFFAIRS

D. EQUALITY AND MUTUAL BENEFIT

E. PEACEFUL COEXISTENCE